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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 21, 2002

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 21, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 14, 2002, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$168.00 for two additional independent claims to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/4285.X1/BTP, along with any other fees necessary to make this response timely.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 8, 12, 28, and 29 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for processing substrates, comprising:
  - a) a transfer chamber comprising one or more process access ports;
  - b) one or more load lock chambers disposable about the transfer chamber;
  - c) one or more process chambers disposable about the transfer chamber;
  - d) a plumbing tray disposable adjacent the transfer chamber and having facility connections for each process chamber and each load lock chamber; and

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